

EASTER VIGIL Pope Benedict XVI holds a cross during the Easter Vigil Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. AFP

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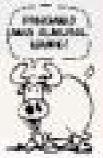
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'Filipino Mafia' shines at UN overseas work

By Juan Escandor Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

NAGA CITY—YEP, Dahgar is our middle name. Filipinos assigned to the most dangerous places on earth "shine"

FILIPINO A4



Pope hailed as 'unfailing' leader at Easter Mass

VATICAN CITY—A SENIOR CARDINAL defended Pope Benedict XVI from "petty gossip" on Sunday as the Pontiff maintained his silence on mounting sex abuse cover-up accusations during his Easter message.

The singing tribute by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals, at the start of Mass attended by tens of thousands of faithful on St. Peter's Square, marked an unusual departure from the Vatican's Easter rituals.

Sodano's defense of the Pope's "unfailing" leadership and courage, as well as of the work of priests worldwide with children entrusted to their care, built on a vigorous Vatican campaign to defend Benedict's moral authority.

The Pontiff and other Church leaders have been assailed by accusations from victims of clergy sexual abuse that he helped shape and perpetuate a climate of cover-up toward the crimes against children in parishes, schools, orphanages and other Church-run institutions.

Dressed in gold robes and shielded from a cool drizzle by a canopy, Benedict looked weary as he listened to Sodano's speech at the start of Mass on the cobblestone square bedecked with daffodils, tulips and azaleas.

"With this spirit today we rally close around you, successor to (St.) Peter, bishop of Rome, the unfailing rock of the Holy Church," Sodano said.

POPE A22

No deal with GMA, husband, says Villar

NP boss hits back at foes

By Nikko Dizon and Jerome Aning

NACIONALISTA PARTY (NP) standard-bearer Sen. Manuel Villar yesterday angrily said that contrary to reports, there was "no deal" between him and President Macapagal-Arroyo or her husband, Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo.

Villar said that as things stood, he was already furious with the Liberal Party (LP) for linking him with the Arroyos throughout the election campaign, and stressed that he had never sought money or help from the President or her husband.

"That will never happen. And ... and I am angry with this attempt of the Liberal Party, the opposition, to link my name [with the Arroyos]," he told reporters in an interview before going on stage with El Shaddai leader Bro.

NO DEAL A11

Lakas execs to meet for 'final reckoning'

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Fe Zamora

AMID THREATS OF POSSIBLE defections, officials of the administration's once proud Lakas-Kampi-CMD coalition are meeting tomorrow for what a party executive called "a final reckoning."

The calling of the meeting coincided with emphatic denials yesterday from administration standard-bearer Gilberto "Gibo" Teodoro Jr. that he was quitting the presidential race.

The meeting will discuss whether the party could provide financial and logistical support to its members in the local elections and head off any plan by some of them to switch loyalties.

"It will be our final reckoning: Do we have the resources to support our local candidates not only in terms of funding but also in providing poll watchers and sample ballots on election day?" Lakas-Kampi deputy executive director Reginald Velasco said in a phone interview.

"Our claim to fame is our local machinery and without it,

LAKAS A22



'SALUBONG' A child dressed as an angel performs as part of the "Salubong" ceremony at Parokya ng Mabuting Pastol in Palapala, Dasmariñas, Cavite. The event dramatizes the first meeting of the Virgin Mary and the Risen Christ. NIKON/INQUIRER

Futuristic underwater resort to be built off Palawan

By Dexter L. Lucas

IMAGINE AN UNDERWATER hotel room with a panoramic view of tropical fish swimming over large coral reefs, manta rays gliding in the water and turtles chasing after tiny squids.

Science fiction? Not if businessman Paul Mobasco can help it.

Mobasco, a Singapore-based financier who heads a group of international investors, plans to start a futuristic underwater resort off the island of Palawan as part of an aggressive venture into the ecotourism business.

The project, dubbed "Lost Frontier Resort," is expected to bring in a total of $1 billion in investments spread over a 10-year period—an average of $100 million a year which, its proponents hope, will help create thousands of direct and indirect jobs in the Palawan.

Mobasco—known for his advocacies of helping improve the overseas remittance business, acquiring stakes in the US professional basketball league and junior circuit stock car racing teams—is the main driver of the project.

His Monaco-based philanthropic fund, dubbed "Splash," plays a lead role in the development of marine habitats and ocean protection initiatives.

The Lost Frontier Resort will be built with submarine technology. When completed, the proposed underwater habitat will be the biggest in the world.

The project has been in the planning stage since last year, and its proponents have identified a group of islands in the Calamianes cluster as the site for development.

The site is owned by businessman and resort developer Steve Tajanlangit. It is made up of a group of seven islands in close proximity to each other, and are

FUTURISTIC A11



ROOM WITH A VIEW An artist's sketch of one of the suite-size rooms with a 270-degree view of the depths of the sea.

Bro. Mike keeps bets guessing

By Leila B. Salaverria and Nikko Dizon

THE TOP CANDIDATES CAME a-courting, but the object of their entreaties—influential TV evangelist Bro. Mike Velarde of El Shaddai—continued to keep them in suspense.

A 12-hour Easter vigil on an open field teeming with songs, dances and hymns of praise for the Risen Christ ended at 7 a.m. yesterday with no clear word from the leader of the Catholic charismatic group on which candidates he would support in

BRO. MIKE A11



PANGILINAN Wants to retire from Ateneo duties.

'BORROWED' SPEECHES

MVP offers to quit as Ateneo board chair

By Dexter L. Lucas

TYCOON MANUEL V. PANGILINAN has offered to retire from his official duties as chair of Ateneo de Manila University's board of trustees in connection with a plagiarism controversy triggered by graduation speeches he had delivered.

But Ateneo president Fr. Bienvenido Nebres, S.J., stopped short of accepting the retirement offer and said he would like to discuss the matter further with the board of trustees and Pangilinan himself. Pangili-

MVP OFFERS A10

Full text of graduation speech

(Editor's Note: Below is the full text of the speech delivered by Manuel V. Pangilinan before the School of Humanities & School of Social Sciences at the Ateneo de Manila University on March 27, 2010.)

MAGANDANG HAPON SA INYONG LAHAT. I want to thank Father Ben and the Ateneo community for the honor of this discussion. And congratulations to our Law School for having 3

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SC erred on CJ issue, lawyers say

Bar group claims high court asking JBC to violate Constitution

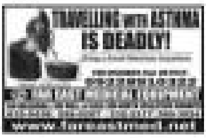
THE SUPREME COURT IS MAKING THE JUDICIAL AND BAR Council (JBC) commit a culpable violation of the Constitution in ordering the JBC to submit to President Macapagal-Arroyo the nominees for the next chief justice on or before May 17, according to a lawyers' group in a motion asking the high court to reconsider its March 17 decision.

Constitutional safeguard

Previous cases

Deliverance won't come from poll bets, says bishop







Aggressive rehab for Mike Arroyo











In prison, would-be priest longs for redemption

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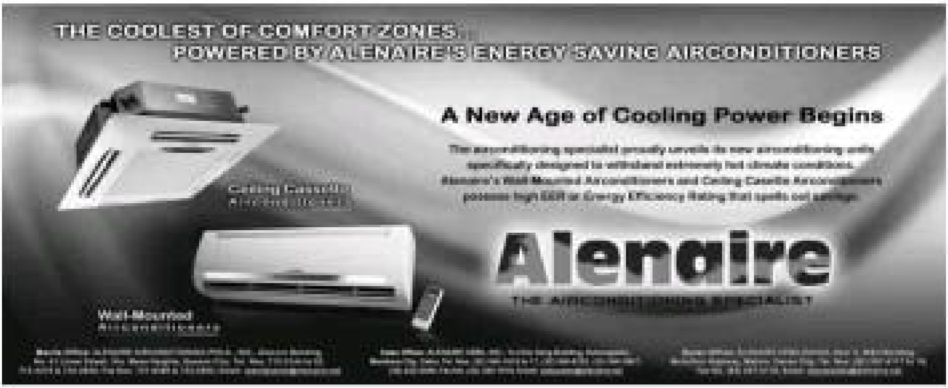
'A time to purify ourselves'

By DJ Yap

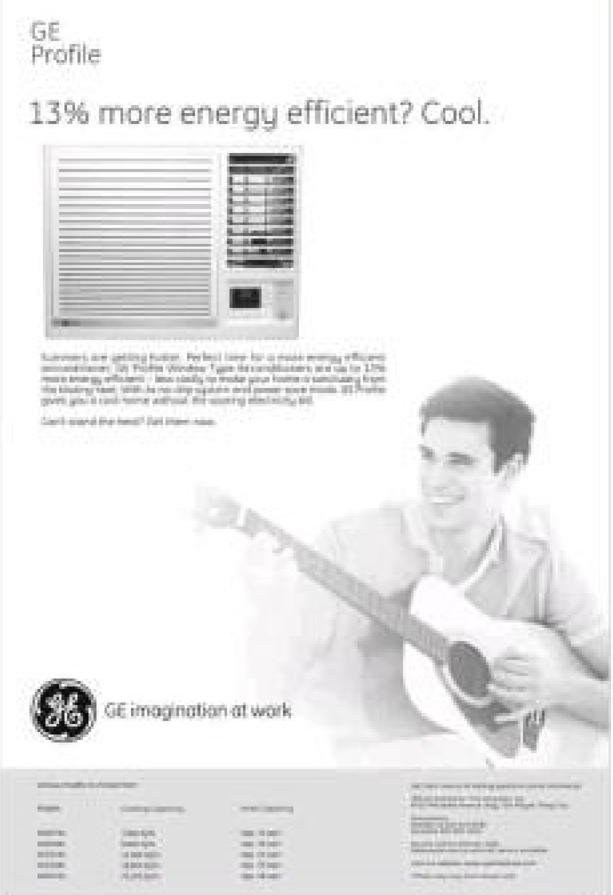
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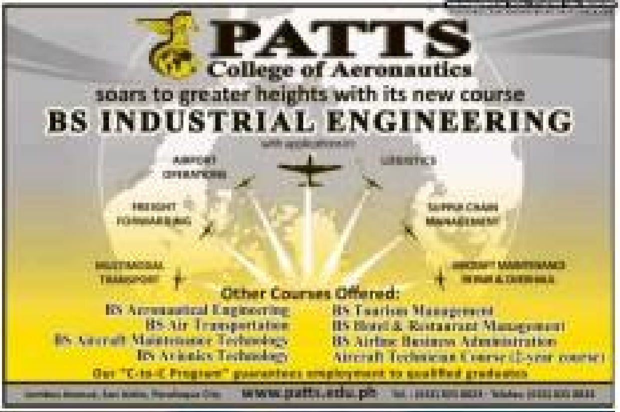
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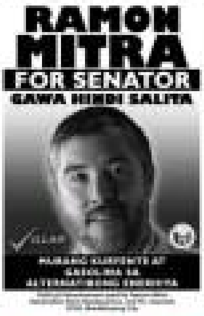


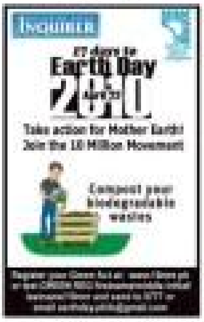


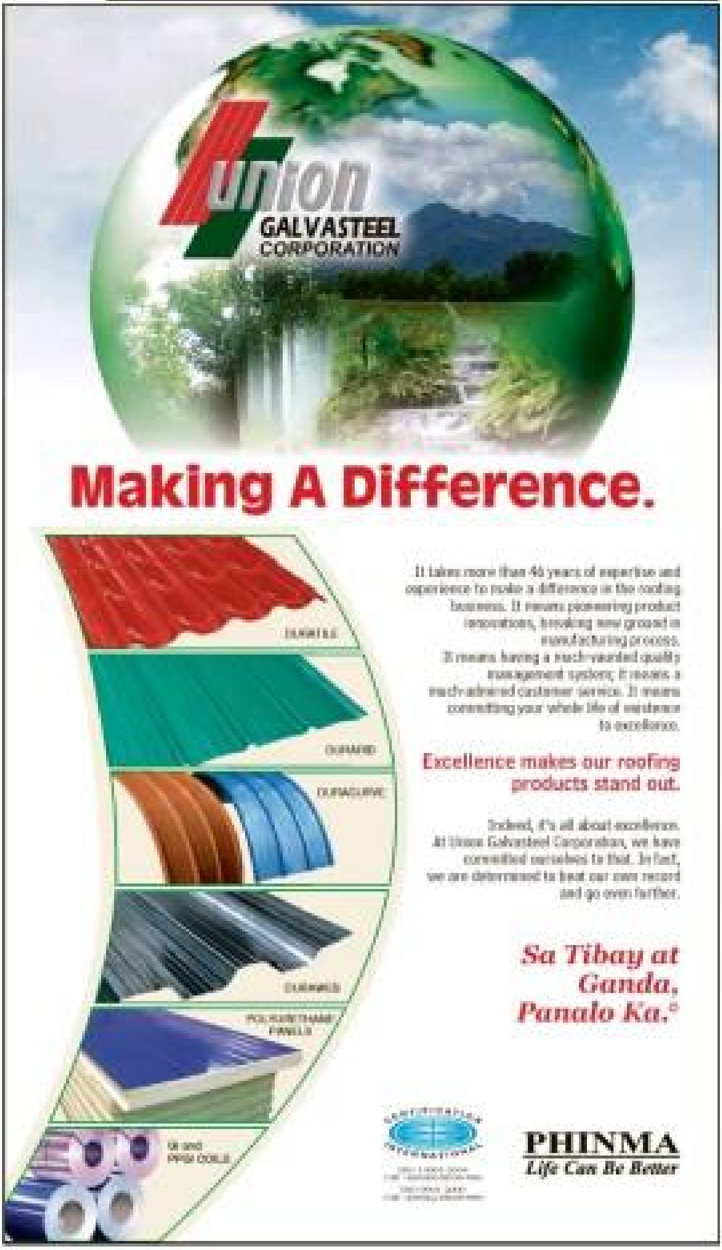
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GMA turns 63 in hometown

By Christian V. Esguerra

First time



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Asean economic community up at Hanoi summit

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'Stretch goal'



SC eases money claims rule

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE NEXT TIME you can't come to a settlement in a money dispute involving amounts P200,000 or less, try the courts.

The Supreme Court (SC) has liberalized the court rules on so-called small-claims cases so that ordinary Filipinos can afford to legally settle money disputes involving amounts not more than P100,000.

Since March 18, all 1,197 first-level courts (except Sharia courts) nationwide have been authorized to hear small-claims cases.

First-level courts refer to the country's 82 metropolitan trial courts, 212 municipal trial courts in the cities, 376 municipal trial courts and 467 municipal circuit trial courts in the towns.

Pilot courts

The high court decided to expand the number of small-claims courts following the success of 44 pilot courts in helping middle-class Filipinos settle their money disputes through an inexpensive, informal and simple legal procedure.

In the past, first-level courts were only allowed to handle money disputes involving amounts not more than P100,000, as any amount higher than that were filed in regional trial courts where the litigation process usually took many years.

In 2008, the Supreme Court came up with new rules and procedures for small-claims courts to address the backlog of civil cases in the lower courts where people have to wait for years to get a court decision.

Under the rules, small-claims courts will hear cases where the disputed amount is under P100,000 and involves matters of contract, simple negligence, failure to repay loans and other minor complaints.

Cases that require complicated evidentiary findings such as fraud, extortion and malpractice are excluded.

No lawyers

To make the process affordable and expeditious, lawyers are not allowed in small-claims hearings.

Clerks of court are trained to explain the rules to laypersons (litigants) and to occasionally help them out in filling up the statement of claim and response forms.

Process servers and sheriffs may also provide information about the rules to the parties when they serve summons and notice of hearing.

To make sure that disputes are resolved quickly, judges are asked to decide cases during the first hearing if the parties fail to reach a settlement.

Court Administrator Jose Midas Marquez explained that the procedures for small-claims cases dispense with many rules of civil procedure and [illegible] such as [illegible] pleading, [illegible] and formal discovery [illegible].

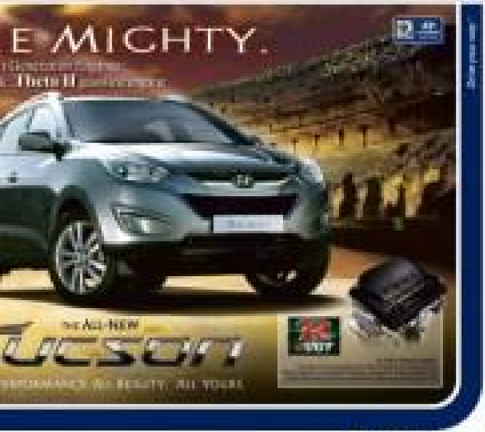


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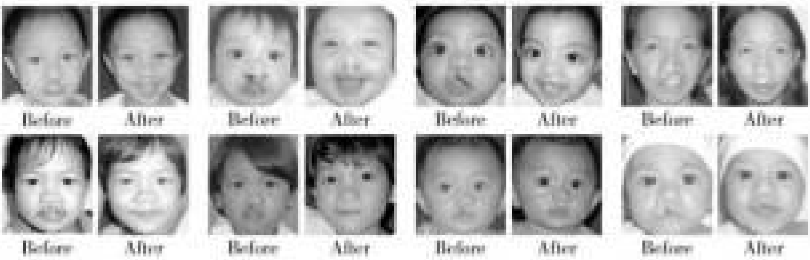


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> Translating the Bible sought 'to make (people) feel and understand the messages clearly...'

Asi language

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Minor injuries

Culprit not identified

'No major crimes'





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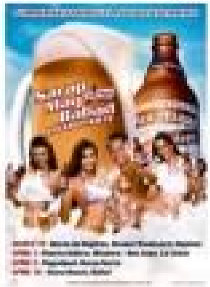
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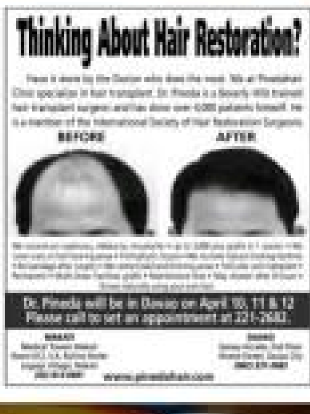
By Francis T.J. Ochoa



RESPECT Manny Pacquiao



Smart Gilas-RP five loses top American prospect







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NBA teams keep an eye on playoffs

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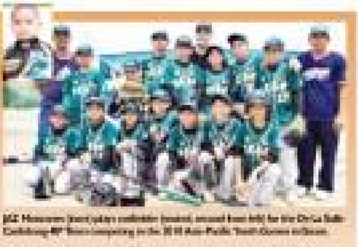
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By Doris C. Dumlao

TYCOON HENRY SY'S BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK AND Asia United Bank of industrialist Jacinto Ng are vying for a controlling stake in Asiatrust Development Bank, a publicly listed private development bank that caters to small and medium enterprises.

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3 groups vie for Bac-Man power facilities

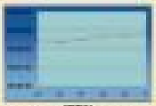
By Amy R. Remo

AT LEAST THREE COMPANIES HAVE EXpressed interest in acquiring the 150-megawatt Bacon-Manito geothermal facilities in Albay and Sorsogon, according to the state-owned Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp.

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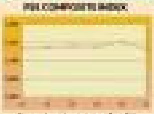
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SMC investment thrust: Buy anything that adds value

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Oriental Energy gets 4 new contracts

PSE posts ₱6.8B in net foreign buying

3 groups . . .

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Only investors who submitted letters of interest to PSALM on or before March 26 will be allowed to participate in the privatization of the facility.

PSALM said interested investors could undertake due diligence of the facility from March 17 until a week before the bid submission deadline on May 5. It will also hold a pre-bidding conference on April 8 to allow companies to air their concerns regarding the bidding procedures.

The Bac-Man geothermal complex consists of the 110-MW BacMan I, which is located in Palayan Bayan, Manito, Albay; the 20-MW BacMan II (Cawayan) in Barangay Basud, Sorsogon City, and BacMan II (Botong) in Osiao, Sorsogon City.

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Philippine Stock Exchange

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By the staff

The next battleground

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Trouble's brewing

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Oil firm to drill well in offshore Cebu

By Amy R. Remo

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March coconut oil exports up 185% on strong overseas demand

RP exports to Japan grew to $512M in Jan.

Japanese exports to RP also surged



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BUSINESS *Monday*

Lofty designs for higher education

From running Clark to reforming RP's school system

By Daniel L. Lucas

EMMANUEL Y. ANGELES is quick to stress that he is not a businessman.

Instead, he says he is a lawyer, having practiced law for 50 years. He is also an educator, having built a school in Angeles City, Pampanga and transforming it into the first university in Central Luzon.

Make no mistake, however. Angeles is every bit in charge as a businessman when it comes to his endeavors, whether as head of his university, or the Clark Development Corp., or in his present portfolio as head of the Commission on Higher Education (CHEd).

Yet, by his own admission, his current pursuits are far detached from the kind of life he wanted for himself as a young man.

First love

"My first love was flying," Angeles says in an interview. "I really wanted to become a pilot. But my mother begged me to take up law instead."

According to him, he was the "most obedient" among seven siblings, and gave in to his mother's wishes. He took up law, passed the bar in 1961 and practiced as a litigation lawyer in Manila, taking up pro bono cases in the years long before the establishment of the Public Attorney's Office for indigent clients.

But again his mother, [illegible] now, came into the picture.

"My mother talked to me again, saying that she wanted me to become an educator," recalling at the same time how influential his mother was in his life.

Higher office

According to Angeles, his mother asked him to revive a shuttered school she used to run in the 1950s, despite having only P2,000 as starting capital.

"It was a very ambitious plan," he concedes. "But I said I would build a school for her in ten years."

As it happened, the school that is now the Angeles University Foundation became a full-fledged university in nine years, 11 months and 10 days.

"I am proud to say that it now has a medical school, and [illegible] centers of excellence," Angeles says. "Both are now very close to world-class standards."

But he was soon called to higher office by no less than President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Angeles was tapped by the President to run both the Clark Development Corp. and the Clark International Airport Corp., which ran the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport.

"I came from the academe, but I was appointed by the President to run Clark," he says, adding that his special task was to start international airline operations at the former US air base.

Four years later—having achieved his mandate—he excused himself to go back to the field of education, but not after leaving the special economic zone on solid economic footing.

Nowadays, however, he is using his management skills to wrestle with a bigger program with longer term implications for the country.

As chair of the Commission on Higher Education—a post that carries a fixed six-year term—Angeles spearheads the effort to restore the country's antiquated educational system to its former glory.

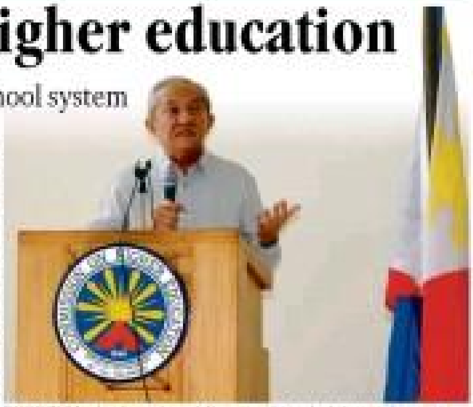
"Given the deterioration of the quality of our education in this country, it will take another two or three decades to undo what has been neglected," he says, giving a grim assessment of the national situation.

What happened?

"We used to be the center and hub of quality education in the Asia-Pacific region," Angeles laments. "What happened? We were left behind. The countries that improved were Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, and now Vietnam."

"We are now identified with Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, and now East Timor," he says. "Do we want that?"

To reverse this trend, Angeles immediately implemented a set of [illegible] initiatives at the CHEd.



EMMANUEL Y. Angeles, who once dreamed of becoming a pilot, now heads the country's agency on higher education.

The first phase called for massive faculty development, investing in training and retraining, as well as implementing tighter quality controls over who can and cannot teach in colleges and universities.

"Second, we have to adopt a massive scholarship program so that young, talented Filipino students can have access to quality education nationwide," he says. "The minimum goal is to have scholars at 10 percent of 2.6 million Filipino students enrolled in 1,700 colleges and universities."

Angeles' third phase is to strengthen research and development—an aspect of education that the Philippines is woefully poor in, compared to countries like Singapore and Malaysia.

Taking off

"When I came in, there were less than ten zonal research centers," the CHEd chief says. "Now we are going to have 17—one in each region, plus a minimum of five sub-centers in each region for a total of 102."

"We will be able to take off if we can improve R&D in our country," he says. "One cannot take off without R&D."

Finally, CHEd is now negotiating with partners in China, Korea, Japan and Australia for soft loans of as much as $200 million, which local colleges and universities can tap to improve their education systems.

"These are soft loans, payable in 20 years, with 2 percent interest or less, with five years grace period," he says, adding that, if successful, a second phase worth $300 million may be introduced.

"With that funding, we can have first class public and private colleges and universities," Angeles says.

Ambitious? Definitely. Impossible? Hopefully not.

InfoTech





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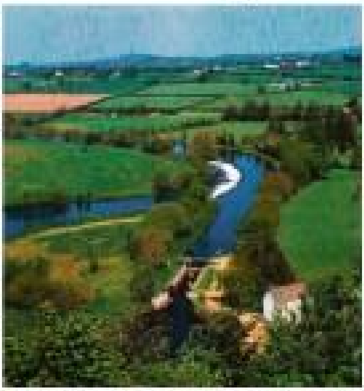


Chic not Geek



Ireland revisits close ties with the Philippines

The luck of the Irish may get to rub off on Pinoy traders





Goings-on

SMB gets Monde seal

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Convergys wins awards



Business Monday

Marketing presidents

By Willy L. Arcilla
Contributor

IF I WERE CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER of Sen. Benigno Aquino III, I would recommend the following:

- Continue to leverage on your strength—your property—being the only son of two Filipinos who enjoy heroic status. Include their images in the background of your visual materials. But do not rely exclusively on them. Build your own brand positioning, or the mental image you want voters to form about brand "Noynoy." However, in the process of leveraging the strong "Aquino" equity and being your own "man," do not try too hard. Be yourself. To be more straightforward, you are not yet a hero, so please do not pretend or act like one.
- Do not stay as a mere "line extension," i.e., Benigno Jr., but be a "relaunch" or a "new and improved" version. Your parents expect nothing less from you, and Filipinos deserve nothing less than an evolution of your parents into someone better than them. That requires you to accept that your parents were not saints, and had their own faults.
- If Ninoy intoned, "The Filipino is worth dying for," then you may wish to say, "The Filipino is worth living for."
- Review and revise the logic of your popular slogan, "Pag walang corrupt, walang mahirap (If no one is corrupt, no one will be poor)." It is precisely the reverse, "Pag walang mahirap, walang corrupt (If there is no poverty, there will be no corruption)." People in government are forced to steal, cheat and lie because they are all grossly underpaid.
- You must get to the root of poverty—greed—and so it is more appropriate to say, "Pag walang sugapa, walang mahirap (If no one is greedy, no one will be poor)." With your strong appeal and popularity among both rich and poor, you are well-placed to encourage the rich to help the poor, and the poor to help themselves.
- It has been said that a man lives his life trying to fulfill his father's expectations, or to correct his father's errors. Be the son who does both, and be a role model for all sons.


SEN. Benigno Aquino III

Since Cory was and will forever be known as "Tita Cory" to the vast multitude of Filipinos, you can position yourself to be "Kuya Noy" and be the "Kuya of all Kuyas." The eldest son in a family, a "Kuya" assumes a pivotal role specially in a Filipino family.

He is respected by all siblings because he is the linchpin who keeps the family together after the demise of parents—he unites, not divides, all; he reconciles warring factions and manages sibling rivalry—be a Kuya to all Filipinos.

- My proposed slogan: "Pinoy Ako, Pinoy Tayo! Kay 'NOY Ako, Kay 'NOY Tayo!" My proposed hand signal is to keep the "L" but no longer for "Laban" but for "Love."

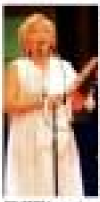
As Tita Cory's prayer for your senatorial election in 2007, she implored the intercession of Mary "so that Noynoy always seeks what is most pleasing to God's will." Amen.

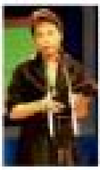
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Fellowship, validation on Philstage awards night



No more catfights and turf wars in Philippine performing arts? 'Abangan ang susunod na kabanata'









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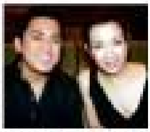
Mighty pieces

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One of the top



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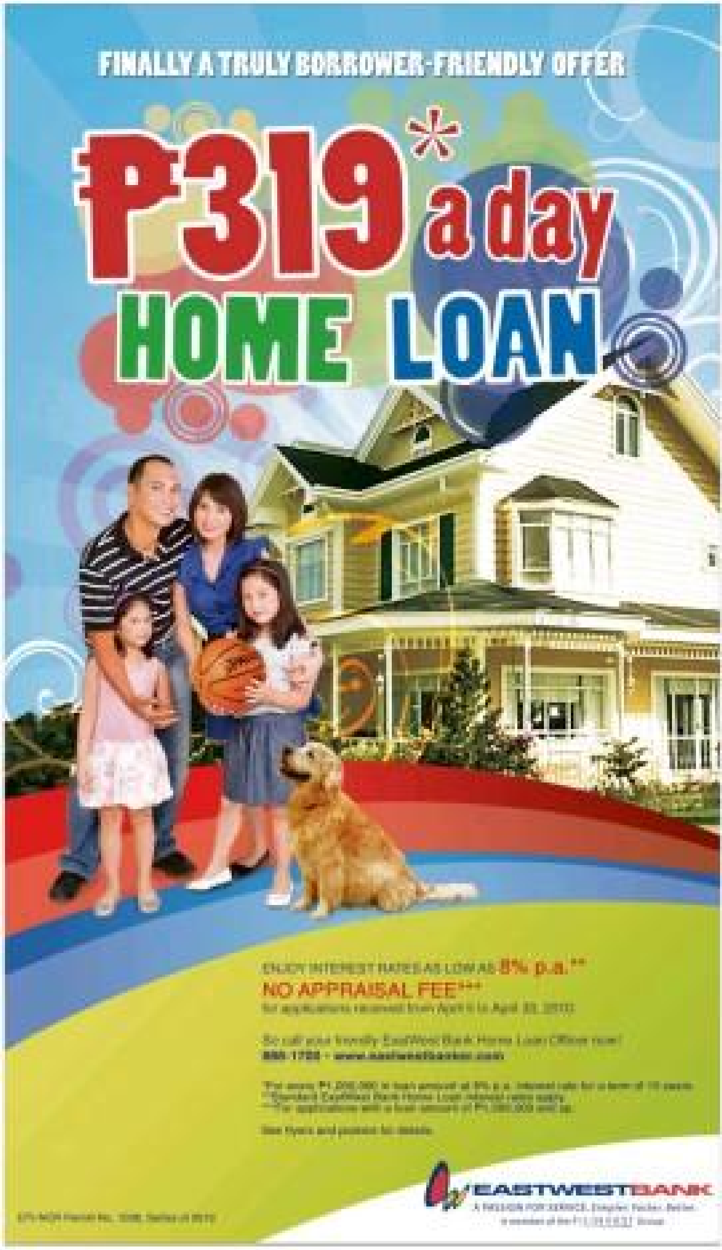


Don't stop believing

The 'Tuesdays with Morrie' author ponders God and goodness in a sentimental book about a few good men







Melodramatic ending

Overboard

New Gilda Cordero Fernando book

LifeStyle Arts & Books



Filipina artist's work to be auctioned off at Sotheby's today

Nikki Luna: artist, daughter, mother, teacher, woman



"SPOLIARIUM"

1879 Juan Luna similar to 'Spoliarium' discovered?





Dila and Arellano in joint exhibit



"EXPERIMENTAL" by Randall Dila

A PAIR OF TWO ART FORMS, painting and sculpture, ...

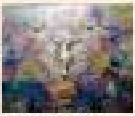


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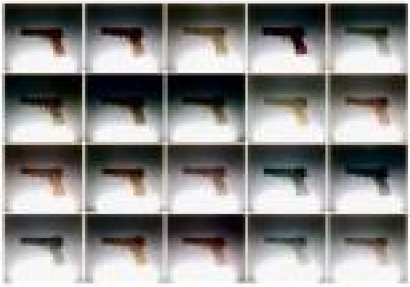
Meet Kenneth Cobonpue





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"UNMENTIONABLES" by Nikki Luna

Graphic artists praise virtues of genuine ink



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1879 Juan Luna similar . . .

Summer Workshops at Ayala Museum







Babeth Lolarga's 3rd solo at Taumbayan

BABETH LOLARGA HOLDS HER THIRD solo show, "Mingi-Mingi & Lucky Me," at Taumbayan, a bar-bistro on M.T. Gozon St. and K-1, Kamuning, Quezon City, April 9-May 8.

A 4-ft x 4-ft painting will be up for auction, all proceeds going to the following who have been ailing: [illegible].

At the opening day reception on April 9 at 6 p.m., there will be live music and a comedy skit, "The Ampalaya Women Go Shopping at Greenbelt 5," which takes its name from the title of one of Lolarga's paintings.



"EVE BEFORE the Fall"

Church to hold youth camp on Filipino sacred heritage

THE SOCIETY OF ECCLESIASTICAL Archivists of the Philippines, Inc., under the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines' Commission on Cultural Heritage, will hold the Jugar Kabataan Camp 2010 on April 30-May 4 in Legazpi City, Albay.

In celebration of Heritage Month 2010, the camp will have the theme, "Preserving the Gift of Faith." May is National Heritage Month by virtue of President Macapagal-Arroyo's Proclamation No. [illegible].

The event will feature a seminar-workshop with cultural heritage expert Eric Zerrudo, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila and head of the University of Santo Tomas' Center for the Conservation of Cultural Properties in the Tropics (USTCCCPET).

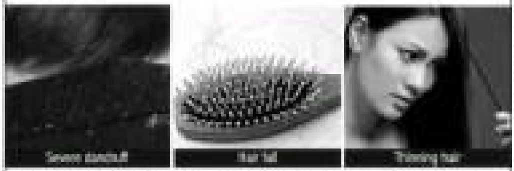
It will also feature an audio-visual presentation of the 33 Philippine Roman Catholic churches declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) as National Cultural Treasures in the Philippines; and a heritage tour in Albay in the Bicol region.

At least 100 youth leaders, which include representatives from the churches declared as Unesco World Heritage Sites and National Cultural Treasures, and other delegates from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, are expected to attend the event.

Bishop Joel Baylon of the Diocese of Legazpi will celebrate the welcome Mass to be held at Our Lady of the Gate Parish in Daraga, Albay. Also, National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Commissioner Fr. Harold [illegible], who chairs the National Heritage Month steering committee, will grace the event along with other provincial and local government officials of Albay.

Jugar Kabataan Camp 2010 is made possible through the help of the NCCA, Filipino Heritage Festival Inc., CBCP Permanent Committee for Cultural Heritage, the Augustinians in the Philippines, the Diocese of Legazpi, and the USTCCCPET.

For inquiries, contact Beverly Macapaz at 0919-[illegible]; telefax (+632) 406-1611 local [illegible]; or through [illegible]



Albay relives Mayon Volcano legend through festival





LEGEND of Daragang Magayon, artist's rendition

BICOL'S MAYON VOLCANO, REPUTED TO be the world's most beautiful peak, is best viewed from Cagsawa Ruins Park in Daraga, Albay.

Beyond this perfect scene lies a tragic love story in the tradition of Romeo and Juliet. The legend revolves around Daragang Magayon, literally meaning "beautiful maiden," the only daughter of Makusog ("strong"), tribal chief of Rawis in present-day Legazpi City.

She was admired by many men, including the handsome but haughty Pagtuga ("eruption"), chieftain of the Iraga tribe who gave her fabulous gifts and vied for her attention.

One day, Panganoron ("cloud"), chief of the Karilaga tribe in the Tagalog region, arrived in Rawis, met Magayon, and fell in love with her. A love affair developed and they decided to get married.

The news reached Pagtuga, who became jealous and furious. He abducted Makusog and threatened Magayon that unless she agreed to marry him, her father will be killed and their tribe invaded.

Rising grave



Panganoron abandoned their wedding preparations to rescue Makusog and fight Pagtuga, who was later killed in the battle. The relieved Magayon rushed to embrace Panganoron but was hit by a stray arrow.

While he held the dying Magayon in his arms, Linog ("earthquake"), Pagtuga's henchman, hurled his spear at Panganoron's back, killing him instantly. Makusog swung his mighty arms and struck down Linog with a spear.

Magayon and Panganoron were buried in a common grave, and in the days that followed, the folk saw the grave rising higher, accompanied by muffled rumblings, earthquakes and red-hot boulders bursting from the crater.

When this occurs, old folks believe Pagtuga, aided by Linog, agitates the volcano to get back his gifts which were buried along with Magayon. Meanwhile, when the tip of the volcano is covered by clouds, it is said Panganoron is kissing Magayon, and the rain that trickles down its slopes are her tears.

The volcano was named Bulkang Magayon, but as time passed it was shortened to Mayon.

This well-loved legend will come alive once more as the Province of Albay marks the 14th Magayon Festival April 1-30 in Legazpi City.

World-class destination

Albay Gov. Joey Salceda says the month-long festival will focus on the province's rich history and cultural heritage, and showcase its tourism assets and products, as well as the innate talent and skills of its people.

The highlight is on April 29 with the Legend Showdown street dancing tilt depicting the story of Magayon, and a musical stage play on the legend to be shown at the Albay Astrodome.

Also to be launched is the book "Albay: Winding Down the Historic Abaca Trails," by historian Danilo Gerona, which chronicles the progress of the province through the centuries as a major abaca producer and exporter.

Salceda says the provincial government is investing P32 million for tourism-oriented events, and P3 million for promotion to transform Albay into a world-class destination.

Activities include photo contest and exhibit, float parade, drum-and-bugle competition, brass band performance, concerts and entertainment shows, beauty pageant, sports tournaments, fashion shows, nightly food plaza, and a host of special events.

Trade fairs will showcase the best products and food of the province's 15 towns and the cities of Legazpi, Ligao and Tabaco.

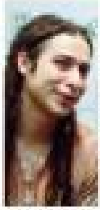
Considered as the gateway to Bicolandia, Albay takes pride in its Spanish-era churches, majestic mountains, enchanting waterfalls, adventure destinations, breathtaking viewpoints and fine sand beaches.

For details, log on to www.magayonfestival.albay.gov.ph.



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MICHAEL V in "Pepito Manaloto"

Up close with Jason Castro

By Pam Pastor

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Hometown love

Acoustic-driven

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CUTE "Idol" is all the market, sorry, girls.

Luis: I'll win her back

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'I'm not sure I'm worthy to be Sarah's (Geronimo) first kiss on screen'

Effective actress



GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS

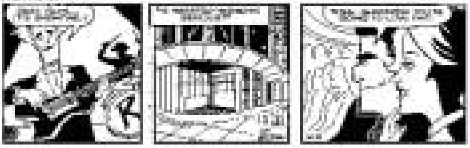


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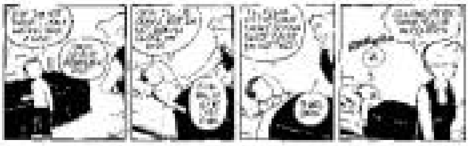
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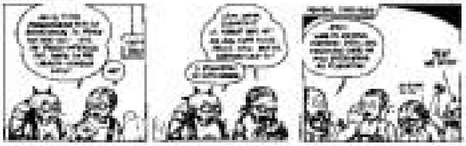


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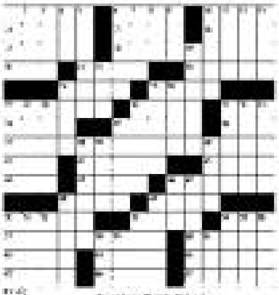
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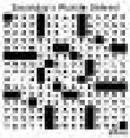
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Eugene not a prima donna

By Marinel R. Cruz



EUGENE Domingo

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'Pinoy Cine Klasika'

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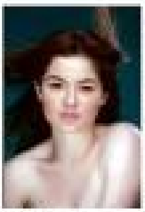
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Not just waiting for the big break

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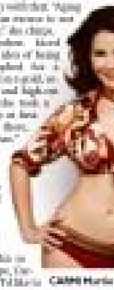
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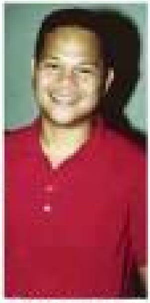
A taste of calvary



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Dolly Anne Carvajal





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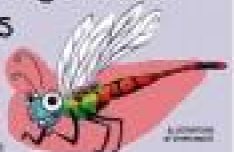
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A retelling of folk stories by Gilda Cordero-Fernando

Why the cow's skin is loose



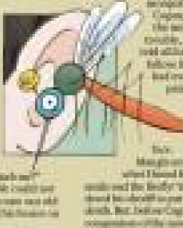
The war of the dragonflies and the monkeys







Why do mosquitoes hum in your ear?



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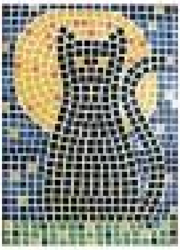


EUREKA! *Queena N. Lee-Chua*



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